

Title: Certifying eligibility for an extended dependent child

Policy 37-1

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Purpose:

This policy applies when a subscriber submits the required forms to enroll an extended dependent child in the subscriber's PEBB benefits.

Policy:

1. The PEBB Program must certify the eligibility of an extended dependent child before allowing enrollment in PEBB coverage. The PEBB Program reviews the certification of an extended dependent child annually.
2. Children are eligible for PEBB coverage as defined in WAC 182-12-260(3). The rule includes the criteria an extended dependent child must satisfy.
3. The subscriber must provide required forms within enrollment time limits.
4. The subscriber must demonstrate legal responsibility by providing a valid court order, and the child's official residence must be with the custodian or guardian. If a valid court order does not stipulate a custody or guardianship end date, the order can be used annually when recertifying an extended dependent child up to the last day of the month in which their twenty-sixth birthday occurs (except as described in WAC 182-12-260(3)(i)).

5. PEBB Program certification of an extended dependent child is valid for 12 months, except when:
 - a. The child is within 12 months of turning age twenty-six; or
 - b. The end date of legal custody or guardianship is sooner than 12 months.
6. A PEBB supervisor must review and affirm denials of enrollment of an extended dependent child before a denial letter is sent to the subscriber.